

Appl. No. 10/660,628
Arndt Dated April 19, 2005
Reply to Office action of March 30, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-19 and 33-34 are withdrawn. Claims 20-32 are currently pending. Claims 21, 26 and 32 are amended to improve their grammar. The Applicants submit that no new matter is added by these amendments.

Restriction

The Examiner requires a restriction to one of Inventions I through IV. The Applicants have withdrawn all claims but for those associated with Invention IV, namely claims 20-32. The other claims have been withdrawn without prejudice to the Applicant's right to file one or more divisional applications and without prejudice to the Applicant's right to traverse the division of the withdrawn claims into Inventions I through III.

Species Election

The Office Action requires an election, in Group 1, between Fig. 7/16 and Fig. 21A/20A. The Applicants traverse the request for an election since claims specifically directed to a shoring head/alignment tool have been withdrawn, but elect the species of Fig 21A/20A and submit that all pending claims read on this species since the application encompasses the use of any of the disclosed trusses with any disclosed shoring head/alignment tool.

The Office Action further requests an election, in Group II, between the species of Fig. 9; Fig. 22 and Fig. 24/27. The Applicants elect the species of Fig. 24/27 and submit that all of claims 20-32 read on this species.

Respectfully submitted,

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